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2
3 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE HINDU SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.

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5 PREAMBLE

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7 Whereas the need exists for cohesive action to build a place
8 of worship and congregation in Northeast Florida for the practice
9 of the Hindu religion, culture and philosophy and to pass on
10 this age-old, rich tradition to the next generation, it is hereby
11 resolved that a non-profit organization be formed to achieve
12 these goals.
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14 ARTICLE I.

15 NAME AND STATUS

16 A. The name of the organization shall be: **THE HINDU**
17 **SOCIETY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.** The organization is herein
18 referred to as "the Society".
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20 B. The Society shall be non-profit and incorporated in the
21 Sate of Florida.
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23 ARTICLE II.

24 DURATION

25 The period of duration is perpetual, unless dissolved
26 according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing
27 the Articles of Incorporation.
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29 ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

30 A. The general purpose and plan of operation of the Society
31 shall be : to establish a Hindu temple in Northeast Florida,
32 contributions to which are intended to be exempt from federal
33 taxation under S501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as now
34 enforced or afterwards amended; to buy, manage, own and hold real
35 and personal property necessary or convenient for a place of
36 public worship; carry out educational and charitable work and
37 promote social and cultural values under Bylaws, rules and
38 regulations of the Society, hereafter to be adopted by the
39 Society.
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41 B. To engage in all lawful activities that are in
42 furtherance of one or more of the general purposes of the Society
43 and are in compliance with this Constitution and the laws of the
44 State of Florida.

45 ARTICLE IV.

46 RESTRICTIONS

47 The following additional provisions are inserted for the
48 regulation of the affairs of the Society:

49 A. Legislative and Political Activities. No substantial
50 part of the action of the Society shall consist of attempting to

1 influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, or directly or
2 indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political
3 campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public
4 office.

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6 B. Distribution of Assets on Dissolution. Upon dissolution
7 of the Society, its remaining assets, if any, shall be
8 distributed to one or more organizations organized and operated
9 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or
10 educational purposes within the meaning of S501[©] (3) and S170[©]
11 (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now in force or afterwards
12 amended, as the Board of Trustees of the Society shall determine.

13 Any such assets not so distributed shall be distributed by the
14 District Court of the County in Which the registered office of
15 the Society is then located to another organization to be used in
16 such manner as in the judgment of such District Court will best
17 accomplish the general purposes for which the Society was
18 organized.

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20 C. Prohibited Transactions. The Society shall not engage
21 in any of the prohibited transactions described in S503 [©] of the
22 Internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterwards amended.

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24 D. Accumulation of Income. The Society shall not
25 unreasonably accumulate income within the meaning of S504 of the
26 Internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterwards amended.

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28 E. Trade or Business. The Society shall not be operated
29 for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or
30 business as defined in S513 of the Internal Revenue Code as now
31 in force or afterwards amended.

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33 F. Distribution of Earnings. No part of the net earnings
34 of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any private
35 shareholder or individual within the meaning of S501 [©] (3) of the
36 Internal Revenue code as now in force or afterwards amended.

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38 G. Compensation. No compensation shall be paid to any
39 member, officer, director, trustee, creator or organizer of the
40 Society, or substantial contributor to it, except that the
41 Society shall indemnify for losses sustained in the course of his
42 or her authorized work any member for any personal expenses for
43 the Society, if requested, upon proper documentation, unless such
44 loss was occasioned by negligence of the member.

45 H. Public Purpose. The Society is organized to serve
46 public interest. Accordingly, it shall not be operated for the
47 benefit or private interest such as contributors or persons
48 controlled, directly or indirectly, by such private interests.

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50 I. Products Consumption. In keeping with the Hindu

1 scriptural tenets, no alcoholic or meat products will be allowed
2 to be brought inside the building complex housing the temple or
3 consumed in the open grounds surrounding the temple complex.

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5 J. Deities. Deities once approved and duly installed may
6 not be removed in perpetuity.

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9 ARTICLE V.

10 MEMBERSHIP

11 Membership of the Society shall be open to any individual of
12 Hindu heritage or anyone having interest in and believing in the
13 Hindu tradition and philosophy, provided that he or she has paid
14 membership dues to the Society.

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16 ARTICLE VI.

17 GENERAL BODY

18 The General Body shall consist of all dues-paying members of
19 the Society.

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21 ARTICLE VII.

22 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 A. Administration. The Society shall be administered by a
24 Board of Trustees (hereinafter called the "Board"), which shall
25 carry out, oversee and safeguard the goals and objectives of the
26 Constitution and Bylaws of the Society; foster and protect the
27 spirit in which the Society was founded and the fiscal soundness
28 of the Society; and be responsible for long-range planning.

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30 B. Membership of the Board. The number of
31 Directors (trustees) on the Board and their duties/responsibilities
32 shall be as per the by-laws of the society .

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34 C. The Board will set policy to be carried out by the
35 officers of the Society and will consult with and advise those
36 officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended only by the eighty percent (80.0%) majority vote of the Board; provided, however, that any such change in the Constitution may be overridden by the vote of seventy-five percent (75.0%) of the members present at a meeting where a quorum of sixty percent (60.0%) of the membership is established.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this non-profit organization, the undersigned have executed this Constitution on behalf of the Society on this ____ day of _____, 19____.

RAMU PATEL

V. RAMAMURTHI

SUDHIR AGARWAL

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DUVAL

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 199__, by BALWANT PATEL, who is personally known to me or who produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public, State and County
Aforesaid (Signature)

Name of Notary Public
(Typed, Printed or Stamped)
My Commission Expires:_____

1 STATE OF FLORIDA
2 COUNTY OF DUVAL
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4 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this
5 _____ day of _____, 199____, by V. RAMAMURTHI, who is
6 personally known to me or who produced _____
7 as identification.

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23 STATE OF FLORIDA
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26 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this
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28 199____, by SUDHIR AGARWAL, who is personally known to me or who
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R A T I F I C A T I O N

The undersigned Secretary of the Society now certifies that the foregoing Constitution was ratified and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Society at a meeting duly called for that purpose on _____, 2012, upon the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Krishna Hanchate
Secretary

Amended November 2012